

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thomas Ficker et al.
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Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 6/8/2010

In response to the office action dated 6/8/2010, applicant submits the following:

REMARKS

Claims 14, 16-20, 22-30 are pending in the application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 14, 16-20 and 22-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lewis* (US 2005/0006899) in view of *Turner* (US 4,881,679) or *Nicholson* (US 831,887).

It is respectfully submitted that the instant application claims a **priority date of 9 July 2003**. In order to perfect the priority date, a translation of the priority document is submitted herewith; a copy of the priority document is on file in the USPTO.

The translation has been prepared by the undersigned who is fluent in both the German and English languages. The undersigned herewith certifies that the attached translation of the German priority document 103 31 061.4 is accurate.

Note that the international application PCT/DE04/01539 - filed in the US as of its